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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/806,837	<b>Applicant(s)</b> POELSTRA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Janet L. Andres	<b>Art Unit</b> 1646	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-7,14,18-26 and 28-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14 and 18-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5-7, 25, 26, 28-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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### **RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT**

1. Applicant's amendment filed 30 March 2004 is acknowledged. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 14, 18-26, and 28-34 are pending and under examination in this office action. Upon further consideration, the finality of the previous office action is withdrawn. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code, not included in this action can be found in a prior office action.

#### ***Claim Rejections/Objections Withdrawn***

2. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 14, and 16-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as lacking enablement for all forms of fibrosis is withdrawn in response to Applicant's amendment limiting the claims to liver and kidney fibrosis.

#### ***New Grounds of Rejection***

3. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 25, 26, and 28-34 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 25, 26, and 29-34 are being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. These claims recite a method of use without setting forward any active, positive steps involved in the method. See MPEP§2173.05(q).

Claim 28 is improperly dependent because claim 21 is not a method.

4. Claim 26 is newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement commensurate with the scope of the claims. This claim encompasses use of the invention for prophylaxis. Applicant has not described any circumstances in which the compound could be use in a prophylactic fashion. What is disclosed is that the PDGF receptor is upregulated in

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fibrosis and the claimed invention is able to target it. There is no guidance as to how the compound could be used to prevent a fibrotic condition.

CLAIMS 1, 2, 5-7, 25, 26, AND 28-34 ARE REJECTED. CLAIMS 14 AND 18-24 ARE ALLOWED.

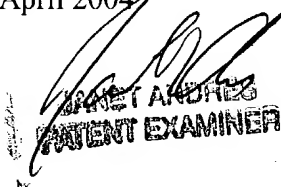
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Andres whose telephone number is 571-272-0867. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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